

Amendments to the Claims:

This list of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A lacrosse stick comprising:

a rigid lacrosse stick handle structured and arranged to be gripped by two hands of a lacrosse player;

a lacrosse head structured and arranged to receive a lacrosse ball connected to the lacrosse stick handle; and

an articulation mechanism structured and arranged to allow articulation of at least a portion of the lacrosse head with respect to the lacrosse stick handle.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the lacrosse head is connected to the lacrosse stick handle by the articulation mechanism.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the articulation mechanism is located between an end of the lacrosse stick handle and a base of the lacrosse head.

Claim 4 (withdrawn): The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein the handle comprises a first handle portion and a second handle portion and the articulation mechanism connects the first handle portion and the second handle portion.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the articulation mechanism is contained within the lacrosse head and lacrosse stick handle.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the lacrosse head is moveable from a longitudinal axis of the lacrosse stick handle to a displacement angle of up to about 60 degrees.

Claim 7 (original): The lacrosse stick of claim 6, wherein the displacement angle is from about 1 degree to about 10 degrees.

Claim 8 (original): The lacrosse stick of claim 6, wherein the displacement angle is from about 2 degrees to about 5 degrees.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the lacrosse head is moveable from a longitudinal axis of the lacrosse stick handle to first and second displacement angles of up to about 60 degrees each.

Claim 10 (original): The lacrosse stick of claim 9, wherein the first displacement angle and the second displacement angles are oriented in opposite directions from each other.

Claim 11 (original): The lacrosse stick of claim 10, wherein the first and second displacement angles are the same.

Claim 12 (original): The lacrosse stick of claim 10, wherein the first and second displacement angles are different.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the lacrosse head is articulated in a direction in which a lacrosse ball would exit the lacrosse head.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the articulation mechanism comprises:

a first element having an extended portion; and
a second element having an interior that is sized to allow the first element to at least partially engage the interior and move from a first position to a second position within the interior.

Claim 15 (original): The lacrosse stick of claim 14, wherein the first element and the second element are connected by a fastener that allows the first element to pivot or hinge with respect to the second element.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The lacrosse stick of claim 14, wherein the extended portion comprises at least one projection, the projection extending substantially perpendicular from a longitudinal axis of the extended portion, and the second element comprises at least two pieces structured and arranged to be fitted together over the at least one projection.

Claim 17 (original): The lacrosse stick of claim 14, wherein the second element comprises a resistive material in the interior.

Claim 18 (original): The lacrosse stick of claim 17, wherein the resistive material is a polymeric foam, a polyurethane bushing, a coiled spring, a living hinge or a metal or polymeric composition having at least some elasticity.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the articulation mechanism comprises:

a first element;
a second element; and
a move bar comprising at least one pivotable fastening element connected to the first element and second element.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the articulation mechanism comprises a ball and socket assembly.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein the articulation mechanism comprises a living hinge.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein the handle portion comprises a Y-shaped area having a yoke, the articulation mechanism comprises at least one first element which pivotally connects the head portion to the Y-shaped area and at least one second element disposed on the handle portion for restricting at least some flexure of the head portion with respect to the handle portion.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein the head portion comprises a first head portion and a second head portion, and the articulation mechanism articulates the first head portion with respect to the second head portion.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The lacrosse stick of claim 1, further comprising a radially-expandable system comprising a plurality of generally triangular wedges and a tightenable fastener disposed within the plurality of wedges, wherein the fastener is disposed within at least one wedge at a position that is off-center from at least one other wedge.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The lacrosse stick of claim 1, further comprising a locking mechanism for restricting the flexure of the lacrosse head portion with respect to the lacrosse stick handle portion.

Claim 26 (currently amended): An articulated lacrosse stick comprising:
a rigid lacrosse stick handle structured and arranged to be gripped by two hands of a lacrosse player;
a lacrosse head structured and arranged to receive a lacrosse ball; and
means for articulating the lacrosse head with respect to the lacrosse stick handle.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The lacrosse stick of claim 26, wherein the means for articulating the lacrosse head comprises an articulation mechanism for displacing the lacrosse head portion from a longitudinal axis of the lacrosse stick handle portion by a displacement angle of up to about 60 degrees.

Claim 28 (original): The lacrosse stick of claim 26, wherein the displacement angle is from about 1 degree to about 10 degrees.

Claim 29 (original): The lacrosse stick of claim 26, wherein the displacement angle is from about 2 degrees to about 5 degrees.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): An articulation mechanism for use with a lacrosse stick having a head and a handle, the articulation mechanism comprising:

a first element; and
a second element connected to the first element such that the first element can pivot, hinge or flex with respect to the other element.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): The articulation mechanism of claim 30, wherein the first element is moveable from a longitudinal axis of the second element by a displacement angle of up to about 60 degrees.

Claim 32 (withdrawn): The articulation mechanism of claim 31, wherein the displacement angle is from about 1 degree to about 10 degrees.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The articulation mechanism of claim 31, wherein the displacement angle is from about 2 degrees to about 5 degrees.

Claim 34 (withdrawn): The articulation mechanism of claim 30, wherein the first element is moveable from a longitudinal axis of the second element to first and second displacement angles of up to about 60 degrees each.

Claim 35 (withdrawn): An articulation mechanism for use with a lacrosse stick having a head and a handle, the articulation mechanism comprising:

means for connecting the head to the handle; and
means for displacing the head from the longitudinal axis of the handle.

Claim 36 (withdrawn): The articulation mechanism of claim 35, wherein the means for displacing displaces the head from the longitudinal axis of the handle by a displacement angle of from about 1 degree to about 60 degrees.

Claim 37 (withdrawn): The articulation mechanism of claim 35, wherein the means for displacing displaces the head from the longitudinal axis of the handle by a displacement angle of from about 2 degrees to about 10 degrees.